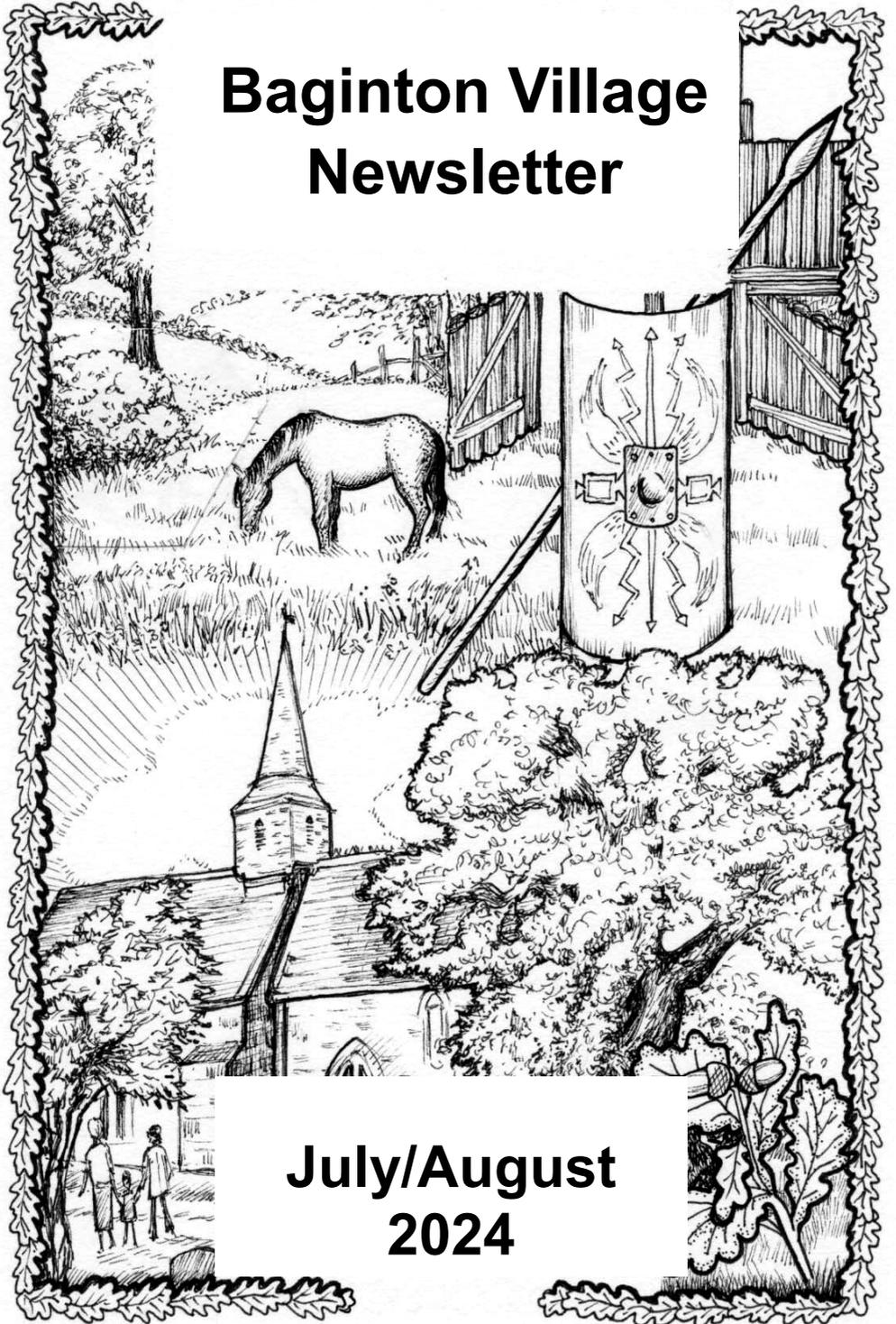


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**July/August
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Forthcoming Events

July

- 4th Parish Council Meeting
- 7th Village Service
- 13th Party in the Park
- 15th Baginton Gardeners - Ecology in the Modern Garden
- 24th Mobile Library - 9.15 - 9.35am
- 26th Film Night - Wicked Little Letters
- 28th Bridge View Light Railway - Nature Day

August

- 3rd - 4th Lunt Roman Festival 10am - 4pm
- 4th Village Service
- 14th Ladies Friendship Circle
- 17th Bridge View Light Railway - Teddy Bear's Picnic
- 18th Copy Date for September Newsletter
- 21st Mobile Library - 9.15 - 9.35am

September

- 1st Village Service
- 5th Parish Council Meeting

Information on local attractions, services and events can also be found on the Baginton village website at www.baginton-village.org.uk and the Baginton Village - Events Facebook page

There are also the village Facebook groups you can ask to join: —
Baginton Current and Ex-Residents
Things For Sale In Baginton

Regular Village Activities

Kaisho Karate: Village Hall Monday from 5.30pm, Tuesday from 5.00 & 6.00pm, Thursday from 5.30, 6.30 and 7.30pm

Contact: Jane Hemmings 07581 126279 or email janebooth1@hotmail.com

Baginton Gardeners: generally a Monday every other month 7.30pm - 9.00pm

Contact: Elayne Meakin 024 7501 3147

Baginton Dog's Club: Village Hall Monday from 7.30pm - 9.00pm

Contact: Dawn Richardson 024 7630 2667

Community Café: Village Hall 10am – midday every Tuesday

Art Group: Village Hall – Tuesday 1.30pm – 3.30pm

Contact: Avril 07837 785921

Children's Swimming Club: Tuesday 6.00pm @ Kenilworth Pool

Contact: Tom Duckham email tomduckham@hotmail.com

Village Hall Committee: second Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm

Contact: baginton.vh@gmail.com

Baginton Walkers: group walk – second Tuesday of each month 9.45am (currently having a break over summer)

Contact: Alan & Brenda Brown 024 7630 5509

Baginton Ladies Friendship Circle: second Wednesday every other month 2.30pm (Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, Dec)

Contact: Dawn Richardson 024 7630 2667 & Rosemary Sowter 024 7667 3381

Pilates with a Physiotherapist: Village Hall Wednesday from 7.00pm - 9.00pm

Contact: Jo Owen 07817 364460

Parish Council: Village Hall first Thursday of each month 7.30pm

Contact: Phil Clark 07746 521087 or email bagintonpc@gmail.com

Church - St John the Baptist: Sunday Service 10.00am

Churchwardens: Dawn Richardson 024 76302667 and Catherine Weston 07907 119523

Village Hall, Frances Road

For bookings visit www.baginton-village.org.uk/village-hall

Bagot's Castle – July & August 2024

June has been a busy month for our Maintenance Team of volunteers. We received support from Jaguar Landover who organised 3 visits in June (groups of 10+) who were on site from 1000 –1530 hours on each occasion. We are so grateful for their help and they all enjoyed their time with us and worked so hard.

A few of the jobs they helped with were the laying of play bark around the ponds and our Nature Wildlife Walk, the endless task of pulling Himalayan balsam, help in painting the Visitor Centre and general tidying of the site, which at this time of year is never ending.

Repairs were carried out to our Visitor Centre by our dedicated maintenance team who have done an excellent job on the repair.

We also had a visit from Coventry Conservation Volunteers who helped with the pulling of Himalayan balsam.

Looking ahead to September, we will again be taking part in Heritage Open Days over two weekends when Bagot's Castle will be open to the public free of charge on the following days: -

Friday 6 September	Friday 13 September
Saturday 7 September	Saturday 14 September
Sunday 8 September	Sunday 15 September

Our normal opening times will apply 1030-1600 with last admissions being 1530. We will have various activities on the day for children and our homemade cakes. Please check our website for updates and notices on our Notice Board on our entrance gate.

Please check our website for openings during the summer holidays or call 07796 438711 for information. We are hoping to open on Tuesdays and Thursdays during August 1030-1500, but at the moment we are struggling with the availability of our volunteers.

We would like more meet and greet volunteers to help on the meet and greet side, so if you can spare us 4 hours for a morning or afternoon shift during the weekend we would be very grateful of your support.

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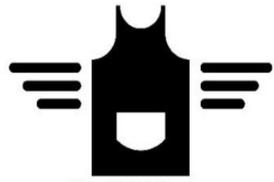
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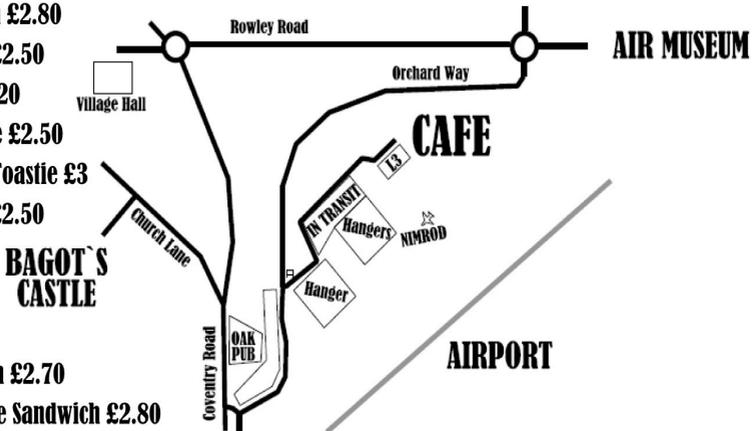
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Film Night



Come and join us for the Baginton Events Film Night at the British Legion Club on Friday 26th July at 7pm for a 7.30pm start.

The film will be **Wicked Little Letters** starring Jessie Buckley, Olivia Coleman and Timothy Spall. When people in Littlehampton - including conservative local Edith - begin to receive letters full of hilarious profanities, rowdy Irish migrant Rose is charged with the crime. Suspecting that something is amiss, the town's women investigate.

Tickets are available in advance from the Club priced at £3 each or you can pay on the door.

Treasure Trail - We've Changed the Date!

Following feedback after our original adverts for the late summer Treasure Trail and BBQ, a lot of people are already committed to other events that have been organised for that date, so we have decided to postpone it until June 8th 2025 where we will combine the trail with next year's Big Lunch.

Editorial

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We can accept adverts in Word, pdf, jpeg, png or similar format. Articles can be submitted as text in an email, Word or other word processing document.

The copy date for the September Newsletter is Sunday 18th August. Should you wish to have something included in the newsletter but you are unable to send your contribution electronically, please drop it off at 1 Market Corner FAO Anne or 45 Mill Hill FAO Julie and it can easily be written up.

Please note that views expressed in this Newsletter are not necessarily those of the editors.

Julie Keightley (7621 0163) and Ann Bush (7630 3515)

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ALL events considered

Baginton Ladies Friendship Circle

Our June meeting was very successful with many new faces. We were entertained by Ruth Lowe giving a talk about 60's fashion icon, Mary Quant. She displayed some wonderful garments and items designed by Mary. After the talk, we tucked into tea and cake whilst chatting amongst friends. There will be no meeting in July.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 14th August at 2.30pm - Afternoon Tea, an informal get together with refreshments, a picture quiz, and an opportunity to catch up with friends.

We meet bimonthly in the village hall at 2.30pm, and extend a warm welcome to new members. Our lunch club continues to flourish with a good selection of local venues.

Come and spend an afternoon with us, visitors £3. If you enjoy it and would like to join us, subscriptions are £25 per annum. Any outings are an extra cost, but we try to make them as affordable as possible.

Best wishes

Rosemary Sowter

Baginton Gardeners

When writing this, we are still awaiting some summer sunshine! I hope it has arrived by now and you can finally sit down and enjoy the rewards of all your gardening efforts.

However, there are still a few things you can do to maintain the colour in your garden and improve the vegetable produce, which you might do on the duller days!

If we get that hot weather, don't forget that makes thirsty plants as well as thirsty people – we all need to be kept hydrated, hopefully you've invested in a water butt to collect all that rain!

Don't leave your vegetables and soft fruits beyond their prime, this can be a message to the plant to stop producing! Regularly pick ripe tomatoes, courgettes, beans, strawberries and raspberries to encourage further growth on the plant.

Everyone's least favourite job – deadheading! But it has to be done to

encourage the plants to produce more flowers rather than seeds; once this happens its job is done (keep one or two for next year's planting). It also looks much neater and tidier for you when relaxing in the garden.

All the on-going maintenance jobs unfortunately don't go away, weeding, feeding, trimming and mowing the lawn. July is also a great time to sow a second crop of lettuce, spinach, radishes, spring onions, Swiss chard, or sow beetroot for autumn harvest. Have a good summer!

Elayne will be stepping down from Chairing the group from the end of the year. As yet, no-one has shown an interest in ensuring that the group will continue after 2024. If you would like to consider taking over this role, please speak to Elayne soon so that she can work with you to ease you in before hand-over.

The programme for 2024 speakers follows. You don't have to be a knowledgeable gardener to attend, but you will learn so much from the expertise of the speakers.

Date	Speaker	Title
15/07/24 (Mon)	Lucy Hartley	Ecology in the Modern Garden
16/09/24 (Mon)	Geoff Hodge	Propagation – Plants for Free
18/11/24 (Mon)	Quiz	

Meetings take place bi-monthly at the British Legion Club, Kimberley Road, Baginton at 7.30pm and visitors are always welcome. Visitors pay £4 per meeting.

Membership for 2024 remains at £12 pa + £2 per meeting and includes a 10% discount on FULL price items at our 4 local Garden Centres (Smiths, Russell's, Avondale and David Cheshire).

Baginton Nurseries is open from Easter to Autumn, but cannot offer 10% reduction as its prices are already wholesale.

Membership cards are available at the meetings or by contacting Elayne.

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Refreshments will be available from local food vendors, plus replica Roman goods will be on sale in our living history village! We will have an early years takeover area, ready to keep our youngest visitors entertained and immersed in a world of play with open-ended resources that inspire imaginations. You will also be able to explore this unique reconstructed monument, taking in the sights of the ramparts, the granary building and the only known Gyrus inside a Roman fort!

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St John the Baptist Church

Services for July

7 July 10am 6th Sunday after Trinity, Village Service

14 July 10am 7th Sunday after Trinity, Holy Communion

21 July 10am 8th Sunday after Trinity, Holy Communion

28 July 10am 9th Sunday after Trinity, Holy Communion

Services for August

4 August 10am 10th Sunday after Trinity, Village Service

11 August 10am 11th Sunday after Trinity, Holy Communion

18 August 10am 12th Sunday after Trinity, Holy Communion

25 August 10am 13th Sunday after Trinity, Holy Communion

Baginton Open Gardens

Our thanks and gratitude go to all the people who contributed in any way to our Open Gardens in June.

Without the many hours of dedicated gardening and volunteering it could not have happened, and we are exceedingly grateful to everyone who opened.

We must also mention Jean and her helpers and cake makers for providing such amazing refreshments; Sue, Elayne and Sue for producing all the posters and programmes; Jack, Josh, Mike and Frances for helping redistribute the tickets, keep an eye on proceedings and wind up the afternoons and everyone else involved.

Thanks also to all those who contributed their flowers arrangements or money to buy the flowers for the flower festival, those who gave their time to help with church watch and those who tidied up the graveyard, some of whom also opened their gardens

We managed to raise the incredible sum of approximately £3000

This will be used on church maintenance and the upcoming quinquennial, which is a mandatory inspection by an architect with possible consequences.

The church building belongs to the village. We appreciate every contribution.

From St John the Baptist PCC

Baginton Parish Council

Dear Residents,

I hope you are all well and looking forward to a nice summer, although it has been a bit mixed up until now.

Parish Council Accounts

Following a successful independent internal audit and scrutiny by the Parish Council Finance Committee, the Draft Annual Accounts have now been published on our website at www.baginton-village.org.uk

This year, as neither our income nor our expenditure exceeded £25,000 we have been able to declare ourselves exempt from the Government appointed External Audit.

However, the Period of Public Rights still needs to be followed and runs from 10th June until 19th July.

If you have any questions about our accounts, please feel free to contact me.

Lucy Price Playground Fence

The Parish Council has sought grants and donations in order to replace the fence around the Lucy Price Playground with a bow-top metal fence. Despite ongoing repairs, the existing wooden fence that is embedded in the hedge has gaps where a child could exit the Playground onto Coventry Road.

The new fence will be installed inside the existing fence and gaps in the hedge will be replanted when saplings become available. Work will take about 3 days if the weather is good and is due to start the end of July or possibly early August. The Playground will be partly fenced off for safety during the work and we hope residents will be patient with us while the work is completed. If you have any queries, feel free to contact me.

Community Wardens

Warwick District Council (WDC) has appointed 2 new Community Wardens, who are a visible presence across the District, with a focus on hotspots for antisocial behaviour (ASB).

Community Wardens patrol recognised ASB hotspots and where neighbourhood crime has been reported. Appointed by WDC, they have fewer powers than Police, and last month they attended 192 assorted incidents, made 277 patrols, confiscated 4 weapons, enforced 24 public

order restrictions and attended 22 reports of theft. They issued warnings or fines against 3 littering offences, captured 2 stray dogs, helped with 3 missing persons and attended reports of drink spiking, littering, sexual assault, human trafficking, public begging and drug use.

If you want a better idea what they do and how they can help, visit the WDC Homepage at www.warwickdc.gov.uk and type Community Wardens in the search box. To contact the team, Phone: 01926 456010 or E-mail: community.wardens@warwickdc.gov.uk

Next meeting: Thursday 4th July from 7:30pm at the Village Hall.
Phil Clark – Clerk to Baginton Parish Council.

Mobile Library Service

The Mobile unit visits Holly Walk in Baginton each month from 09:15 to 09:35am. The “Kenilworth C” route, will operate on the following dates: -

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Party in the Park 2024



Party in the Park takes place on 13th July

This year tickets have only been available to purchase online and by the

time this Newsletter comes out, we expect all tickets to have been sold.

Go to www.eventbrite.co.uk and search for Baginton Party in the Park to see if there are any tickets remaining.

A reminder that adults need a valid ticket to gain entrance. Children under 16 are free to get in when accompanied by an adult and will need their own free ticket.

No ticket = no entry.

This year's line-up includes one returning act as well as three new ones.

- The 3 Sixties – providing authentic sounds of the sixties
- Interactive session – bring your cowboy hat!
- 5,6,7,8 Steps Experience - this high energy tribute to Steps recreates the 90's & 00's party favourites
- The Subterraneans - a 5 piece band who not only cover great classics like U2, Killers, Kings of Leon, but also backed Hazel O'Connor for ten years

Gates open at 4pm. People can bring a small gazebo and space for these is allocated on a first come, first served basis. The event will finish at approximately 10.30pm with a firework finale.

There is limited onsite parking at £4 per car (cash only for parking please). Disabled parking is available on a first come, first served basis at the end of the rows nearest to the arena entrance, for vehicles displaying a valid blue badge only.

Bring along your own chairs and a picnic or alternatively there will be food available such as burgers from Jimmy's Food, I Love Crepes and a Pig Roast. There will be hot and cold drinks as well as a licensed bar.

Please note that there are no BBQs or firepits allowed, and no dogs are allowed except for assistance dogs.

All vehicles left overnight on the field must be removed between 10am and midday on Sunday 14th July.

Party in the Park only happens each year with the help of lots of volunteers so if anyone is available to help either with the set-up, on the day itself or for the clear-down then please email bagintonevents@gmail.com outlining when you can help.

We look forward to seeing you all there for what promises to be a great night!

BVLR Miniature Railway Open Days

Come and join us at the Bridge View Light Railway to ride on our scenic community miniature railway. We are open between Easter and Halloween, from 12pm until 3pm, as well as special event days. Running days for July are 13th and for August are 4th and 25th.



There are special events on July 28th (Nature Day) and 17th August (Teddy Bear's Picnic) running from 11am - 3pm.

There is no need to pre-book for train rides.

Sensible outdoor clothing and footwear is advised.

Parking and entry to our garden is free on open days. Each train ride is £1.50 per person, regardless of age (aged 2 and under free). Normal running days have a family ticket for 4 people for £5.00

Trains run weather permitting and dependent upon train and volunteer availability. Unplanned cancellations will be shown on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/BVLRail>

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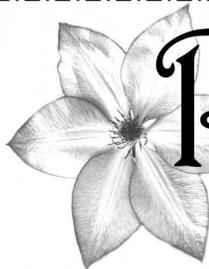
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Baginton Walkers – June 2024



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Memories - coming to a difficult stile but Alan having the sense to open an adjacent gate, a startled deer, some mud but only a little, an abundance of wild flowers, country lanes and narrow paths through fields of healthy looking corn and rape, a neat churchyard but another larger one with overgrown areas, hidden gates in hedges, being thankful that several dark clouds passed over, huge piles of logs and woodchip, expensive farm machinery, so much happy conversation.

Who needs flying away to distant destinations?

Another excellent walk led by David Grimsey who must have covered thousands of miles in his walking adventures. Thanks to everyone who has supported the group over the many years since Len Constable, who started the group, handed over to me. We have decided to pause and review over the summer period and wish everyone "Happy Walking".

Brenda Brown

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Home Composting in Summer

During the cold winter months compost bins cool down and compost at a much slower rate. In springtime, your compost bin will need a bit of a boost to bring it out of hibernation and begin warming up again. All the creatures that help the material to rot down, such as worms and mites, are still in the compost heap but have moved to the warm centre of the compost bin for the winter.

In the summer, the compost bin will reach temperatures of 70 degrees C and the composting process will speed up dramatically. It's important that the content of greens is kept high with food waste and greenery from the garden, such as grass clippings, to maintain moisture levels and avoid the bin from drying out. There might be compost at the bottom of the bin or heap ready for harvesting. It should be dark brown with a crumbly texture that smells earthy.

The harvested compost can be placed on flower borders or spread on the lawn as a soil conditioner. This is a good method for retaining moisture in the soil. Alternatively, it can be mixed with 1/3 topsoil and 1/3 sharp sand or grit to make a potting mix. Home compost will be too rich to grow seedlings, however, leaf mould is a good starting material for seeds.

Home Compost Bins Offer

Discounted compost bins are available to Warwickshire residents - £18 for a 220 litre and £30 for 330 litre (plus delivery). To buy your bin visit www.getcomposting.com and select Council Offers at the top of the page or phone 0844 5714444.

The 330 litre compost bin is the most common compost bin and a great way to start. It is cheap and effective but will only take uncooked fruit and vegetable waste, mixed with garden waste. It should be placed in a half sunny, half shady area of the garden on bare soil or grass.

Green Johanna - £40 (including delivery)

The Green Johanna is a food digester and, unlike the cold compost bin, can take all food waste including cooked, meat, dairy and fish. It will also compost garden waste. Due to insulated sides, the Green Johanna composts at a higher temperature than the standard cold bin, killing off harmful bacteria that can be found in certain food types such as meat. It should be placed in a shady area of the garden on bare soil or grass.



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